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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. The reference is listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. A copy of the listed reference is enclosed for consideration by the Examiner.

This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being mailed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, and thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), Applicants respectfully request that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants further request that a copy of the modified PTO Form No. 1449, appropriately initialed by the Examiner, be returned to Applicants' attorney.

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This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not a representation that the reference cited is considered most pertinent, or that a search has been undertaken, or that the cited reference is indeed prior art. The Examiner is invited to undertake an independent search.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0540 for such fees. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Dated: January 6, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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